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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/630,383
Filing Date	April 10, 1996
First Named Inventor	POULETTY
Group Art Unit	1644
Examiner Name	SCHWADRON, R.
Attorney Docket Number	A-55320-2/TAL/NHT
Attorney File Number	465840-00028

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 6, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other: _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time up to and including 3 months (1 month extension paid on 10/6/03)

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for
a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other: _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ Check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed for RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed for extension fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17).
- c. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to
Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. _____)
- d. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to
Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-55320-2/TAL/NHT- 465840-00028)
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other: _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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